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Robert L. Graham and John H. Davidson Jenner & Block LLP 330 N. Wabash Avenue Chicago, IL 60611

Re: Request to extend comment period for the Hyperion Energy Project PSD permit

Dear Mr. Graham:

As per your request, the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources hereby grants the request from Save Union County, Citizens Opposed to Oil Pollution, and the Sierra Club to extend the public comment period on the draft Prevention of Significant Deterioration air quality pre-construction permit for the Hyperion Energy Center until November 14, 2008. Since we have had similar requests from others, this extension applies to all parties and the public.

We will public notice the extension of the comment period this week in the same newspapers that we originally published the public notice for the draft permit. A copy of this public notice is enclosed. In addition, we will place the notice of the extension on our website at <a href="http://www.state.sd.us/denr/hyperion.htm">http://www.state.sd.us/denr/hyperion.htm</a> and send out a press release.

To ensure the department has adequate time to respond to everyone's comments within the 30-day time frame established in state rules, we ask that everyone submit their comments as soon as possible. To make sure there is no misunderstanding, the department must receive all comments in this office by close of business on November 14, 2008.

Because this draft permit may be contested, our attorney has requested that you pass all future requests from Save Union County, Citizens Opposed to Oil Pollution, and the Sierra Club's through her. Our attorney is Roxanne Giedd, Deputy Attorney General. She may be reached at 605-773-3215 or by email at <a href="mailto:roxanne.giedd@state.sd.us">roxanne.giedd@state.sd.us</a>.

Thank you for responding to our public notice and providing your comments thus far on the draft permit.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Pirner

Secretary

Enclosure:

cc: Preston V. Phillips, Hyperion (w/o enclosure)

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Carol Rushin, Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region 8 (w/o enclosure)